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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 250-8-13

SUBJECT: FNM – FNM – Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) Annual
Conference Attendance

Purpose. To transmit information and to announce and solicit participation in the 2008 SWCS Annual Conference.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2008.

Action Required By: May 9, 2008

Background. The SWCS Annual Conference brings together researchers, practitioners, and policymakers at all levels of Government, business, and nongovernmental organizations to explore current issues in conservation and environmental management science, technology, practice, programs, and policy.

The 2008 SWCS Annual Conference will be held in Tucson, Arizona, July 26-30, 2008, and focuses on the following topic areas: Soil Resources, Management and Conservation; Water Resources and Management; Conservation in Urban Settings; Adaptive Management of Conservation Efforts; Conservation Education; Conservation Tools and Technologies; and Conservation and Environmental Policy and Program Design. The 2008 areas of special interest are Hydrology, Climate Change, and the Bio-economy. Additional information is available on the SWCS Web site, http://www.swcs.org/en/conferences/2008_annual_conference/.

The second annual Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) Showcase will be held in conjunction with the SWCS Annual Conference. The CIG Showcase is comprised of concurrent morning and afternoon sessions on Monday, July 28 and on Tuesday, July 29. The CIG Showcase reception will be held on Monday, July 28, 2008, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Employees are encouraged to attend Showcase activities to learn about innovative conservation projects and the CIG program. Attendance is particularly beneficial for State and national technical contacts, CIG program managers and coordinators, technical specialists, and planners.

The deadline for the SWCS early registration discount is June 12, 2008. Employees are encouraged to take advantage of the early registration discount. A block of rooms has been reserved by SWCS at the Starr Pass Marriott in Tucson, Arizona. Reservations may be made on-line through the Starr Pass Web site, <http://www.jwmarriottstarrpass.com/>, or by calling (520) 792-3500. The deadline for the room block is June 30, 2008.

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The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) encourages attendance and participation by employees in career related professional organizations that enhance career development and professionalism. Employees desiring to attend this conference should see attached bulletin; MN-360-8-10, subject: NRCS Employees Participation in Outside Organizations for the procedure to request participation in this event.

Supervisors should ensure that employees request for STC approval for attendance are submitted and received at the state office no later than close of business May 9, 2008. Employees approved by the STC for attendance will be notified through their supervisors, and their names will be submitted on Form SCS-FNM-72, Meeting Attendance Approval by Bryan Welp, Budget Officer, to NHQ for final approval.

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Attachment

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